

## Controlled Hunts, Special Hunts, Tags and Permits

### What is a Controlled Hunt?

It is a hunt with a limited number of tags in a specific area for a specific species. It is like a general season, but the number of hunters is limited. Controlled hunts are often desirable because of location and timing, and success rates are usually higher than general season hunts. Controlled hunt tags are allocated by a random drawing. Any hunter with a valid Idaho hunting license may apply, with some restrictions. The odds of drawing a tag depend on the number of other applicants and the number of tags available. To participate in a controlled hunt, a hunter must have **a hunting license**. The hunter also must buy a **tag** for the hunt in which he or she was drawn.

**To apply**, See instructions on page 107. Controlled hunt applications may be submitted at any IDFG license vendor, Fish and Game office, with a credit card by calling 1-800-55HUNT5 or online at <http://idfg.idaho.gov>.

Rules for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat controlled hunts are covered in their own brochure.

**Eligibility:** Any person with a valid Idaho hunting license may apply, subject to the following restrictions:

- Holders of a nongame hunting license or hunting passport may **not** apply for any controlled hunt.
- A person who has applied for a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose controlled hunt may not apply for any other controlled hunt in the same year, **except** unlimited controlled hunts, a controlled black bear hunt, controlled turkey hunt, extra deer, extra elk, or extra pronghorn controlled hunts, or a designated depredation hunt. In addition, applicants for bighorn sheep, mountain goat or moose controlled hunts are eligible to participate in the second deer, elk and pronghorn application period and in first-come, first-served deer, elk and pronghorn controlled hunt tag sales.
- A person whose name was drawn in an antlered-only controlled deer hunt may **not** apply for any other antlered-only controlled deer hunt for one year **except** for the second deer, elk and pronghorn application period and leftover controlled hunt drawings or sales. For example, a hunter who drew a tag in an antlered-only deer hunt in 2014, cannot apply for another antlered-only deer hunt until 2016, in the first application period. However, they can apply for another antlered deer hunt in the 2015 second application period.
- This waiting period also applies to antlered-only controlled elk hunts.
- There is **no** waiting period to apply for any other deer, elk, pronghorn or black bear controlled hunt tags. The one-year waiting period does not apply to controlled hunts with an unlimited number of tags or Landowner Appreciation tags.

**Tags:** No person may participate in any controlled hunt without a valid controlled hunt tag in their possession. Tags issued based on erroneous information are invalid, and may **not** be used. Fish and Game will notify the person if the tag has been invalidated. The person will remain on the drawn list, and if there is a waiting period in a succeeding year, the person will be required to wait the specified time period.

Controlled hunt tags may be exchanged for general season tags if done before the opening of the hunt. Exchange must be completed at a Fish and Game office by sending the original tag along with a written request to have the hunt removed from their record. Written requests should be sent to Idaho Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707, Attention: Licensing.

Any person whose name is drawn in a controlled hunt for deer or elk is prohibited from hunting in any other hunt for the same species (archery, muzzleloader or general), except when the hunter has drawn an extra controlled hunt tag or depredation hunt, or has purchased a leftover nonresident general season tag for that species at the nonresident price.

**Nonresident Tag Limitations:** In controlled hunts with 10 or fewer tags, not more than one nonresident tag may be issued. In controlled hunts with more than 10 tags, **except** unlimited controlled hunts, not more than 10 percent of the tags may be issued to nonresidents. **Note:** If a resident applies for a controlled hunt on a group application with a nonresident, and the 10-percent nonresident limitation has been met, the entire group application will be rejected, including any residents.

#### Restrictions:

- Only one application per person or group will be accepted for the same species, **except** a person may apply for one extra deer hunt and one extra elk hunt.
- Several applications may be submitted in a single envelope (See the controlled hunt application worksheet, page 107.).
- Two, three or four hunters applying together on the same application for the same deer, elk or pronghorn controlled hunt is considered a group application.
- Two hunters applying together on the same application for the same black bear, turkey, moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat controlled hunt is considered a group application.
- If a group application exceeds the number of tags available in a hunt, that application will be rejected.

### Youth Hunt Only:

See page 105 for more information.

**Youth only:** Some controlled hunts are limited to youths only. Only hunters under 18 years of age with a valid license may apply for a youth-only hunt, **except** hunters 65 or older, or those possessing a disabled combination license, or a nonresident disabled American Veteran hunting license may buy a leftover youth-only controlled hunt tag, first-come, first-served, beginning at 10 a.m. Mountain Time, August 25.

## Application Instructions

### To Complete the Application Worksheet:

Enter the complete four digit hunt number of your first and second (optional) choice. Controlled hunt numbers are found in the left hand column of the controlled hunt tables. The hunt numbers are subject to change each year so be sure to use this 2015 & 2016 Big Game Seasons brochure when applying for any deer, elk, pronghorn or black bear controlled hunt in 2015 & 2016 or January 2016 & 2017. The spring 2016 & 2017 black bear controlled hunts are also listed in this brochure.

Each hunting license has an 11-digit number. Enter the complete hunting license number.

**Group Applicants:** Two hunters may apply on the same application for turkey, spring and fall black bear, moose, sheep, or goat. Up to four hunters may apply on the same application for deer, elk, or pronghorn.

**Unreadable, Incomplete Applications:** Any application that is unreadable, has incomplete or incorrect hunt or license numbers, or that lacks the required fee will be declared void and will not be entered in the drawing.

Any person desiring to change an application after it has been submitted may cancel it at a Fish and Game office. You must pay all controlled hunt application fees again when re-applying.

**Drawing results: It is the responsibility of the hunter to find out whether he or she was successful in drawing a controlled hunt.**

### Controlled Hunt Application Worksheet

Application worksheets may be mailed, with proper fees, to any Fish and Game office, See page 4.  
The main office is Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P. O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

#### How Many Hunters Are Applying?

**DESIGNATE \$1  
of FEE TO C.A.P?**  
(Citizens Against Poaching)

*(Single application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear, moose, goat, sheep, or turkey)*

**NAME #1**

**Date of Birth**

**LICENSE NUMBER**

**Yes**

**No**



*(Group application for deer, elk, pronghorn, bear, moose, goat, sheep, or turkey)*

**NAME #2**

**Date of Birth**

**LICENSE NUMBER**




*(Group application for deer, elk, or pronghorn only)*

**NAME #3**

**Date of Birth**

**LICENSE NUMBER**




*(Group application for deer, elk, or pronghorn only)*

**NAME #4**

**Date of Birth**

**LICENSE NUMBER**





**1st Choice Hunt Number**

**2nd Choice Hunt Number**

*Controlled Hunt Applicants: Use this form for one species application only.  
You may photocopy this form.*

**Application fee is Resident \$6.25, Nonresident \$14.75 per person per species.**

## Controlled Hunt Application

Applications may be submitted electronically at any Fish and Game office or license vendor; made using a credit card by calling 1-800-55HUNT5, or on the Internet at <http://idfg.idaho.gov>. Application worksheets may be mailed, with proper fees, to any Fish and Game office. The main office address is Idaho Department of Fish and Game, P. O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707, Attention: Licensing.

Use the worksheet on page 107 to speed up the application process. Fill in the blanks with your hunting license and controlled hunt numbers before you apply.

### Fees

Applicants for controlled hunts for deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, and turkey must submit a nonrefundable application fee with each application. **The fee is \$6.25 for each resident and \$14.75 for each nonresident applicant for each species;** \$1 of this fee may be designated for the Citizens Against Poaching program.

A single payment, either cashier's check, money order, certified check or personal check, may be submitted to cover fees for all applications in the same envelope when using the controlled hunt worksheet and applying by mail. If a payment is insufficient to cover fees, all applications will be voided.

**Do not mail cash.**

**Do not** include tag fees with controlled hunt application.

**Phone applications** for controlled hunt drawings may be processed by using Visa, MasterCard, or Discover cards, and calling: 1-800-554-8685. The charge for processing phone-in applications is **3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50**, in addition to the nonrefundable application fee.

**Internet applications** may be made on the Fish and Game website at <http://idfg.idaho.gov>. Internet charge is **3 percent of the transaction plus \$3.50**, in addition to the nonrefundable application fee.

### Drawing Results

**Applicant Notification:** It is the responsibility of the hunter to find out whether he or she was drawn. All successful applicants, except those applying for spring black bear, will be sent a post card at the address listed on their hunting license by July 10. Successful spring black bear applicants will be notified by mail no later than March 10. Results will also be available on the Fish and Game website, <http://idfg.idaho.gov>.

**Successful applicants for deer, elk, fall black bear or pronghorn controlled hunts must purchase their controlled hunt tag no later than August 1** (except unlimited tags), at any license vendor, Fish and Game office, through the Internet, or by telephone at 800-554-8685. Maps of controlled hunt areas are available at Fish and Game regional offices.

**Applicants who already have a general season tag must return it to a Fish and Game office to be exchanged for the appropriate controlled hunt tag.**

**Nonresident hunting license holders** who already have tags will be notified to send them in for exchange.

**Unclaimed Tags:** All deer, elk or pronghorn controlled hunt tags not picked up by August 1 (excluding unlimited tags), will be entered into a second controlled hunt drawing.

### Leftover Controlled Hunts

**Second drawings:** To ensure everyone has equal opportunity at leftover and unclaimed controlled hunt tags, there will be two drawings for deer, elk, pronghorn and fall black bear hunts. All unclaimed tags, and all leftovers (does not include unlimited tags), will be available for a second drawing around August 20. The application period is from August 5 to 15.

Any tags not drawn after the second drawing will be sold first-come, first-served August 25 at 10 a.m. Mountain Time. The 10 percent nonresident quota and the waiting period restrictions do not apply in the second drawing or leftover sales.

**Applicants applying for a leftover tag must submit the application fee.**

Leftover controlled hunt tags for spring black bear go on sale April 1.

Unsold or unclaimed controlled hunt tags may be available on a first-come, first-served basis at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time, on or around August 6, based on the early season dates of the controlled hunt. These early leftover hunts will be published on Fish and Game's website prior to the sale date.

### Key Dates:

**Mark your calendar for:**

- **May 1 - June 5** – First deer, elk, pronghorn, fall bear application period.
- **July 10** – Winners of first deer, elk, pronghorn, and fall bear drawing will be notified by this date.
- **August 1** – Residents and nonresidents may buy leftover nonresident general season deer or elk tags at full nonresident price starting this day, as a second tag.
- **August 1** – Last date to purchase tags from first deer, elk, pronghorn, fall bear drawing.
- **August 5-15** – Second application period for deer, elk, pronghorn, fall bear.
- **August 25** – Winners of second drawing for deer, elk, pronghorn, and fall bear will be notified by this date.
- **August 25** – Leftover tags from second deer, elk, pronghorn, fall bear drawing go on sale at 10 a.m. Mountain Time.
- Unsuccessful applicants may participate in general hunts where appropriate tags are available.

## Refunds and Overpayment

**Refunds:** Fees for hunting licenses will not be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible applicants. Application fees for controlled hunts are not refundable.

**Overpayments:** Overpayment of fees more than \$5 will be refunded.

Overpayments of \$5 or less will **not** be refunded and will be retained by Fish and Game.

## Extra Deer and Elk Hunts

All controlled deer and elk hunt areas designated by an “X” are extra deer or elk hunts, usually for antlerless deer or elk. Hunters may apply for a regular controlled hunt and an extra controlled hunt on a separate application. For example, you may apply for a regular controlled deer hunt and send in a second controlled deer hunt application for an X hunt. Hunters also may buy a general deer and elk tag, and apply for an X hunt. If you draw a tag for an X hunt, you could harvest a deer or elk during the general season and a second deer or elk in the extra controlled hunt.

## Unlimited Controlled Hunts

Unlimited controlled hunts are hunts in which only those who apply during the first controlled hunt application period can obtain a tag. **Some unlimited controlled hunts are first choice only.**

**Hunters may only apply for these hunts as their first choice.**

## Other Hunts, Tags and Permits

### Depredation Hunts

Depredation controlled hunts are sometimes used to relieve big game damage problems on agricultural crops. If these hunts are needed, they will be held on short notice, involve small areas and be limited to a few hunters.

### How Can I Participate?

If you are an Idaho resident with a valid hunting or combination license, fill out the form on page 110 and mail it to the regional office in the area(s) you are willing to hunt. You, and a partner if you like, may apply for deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear and turkey. ***However you may only apply once for each species, each year.*** You don’t need to apply for all five species in the same region. These forms may be copied if necessary.

**Application Period:** Applications received May 1 to June 30 will be drawn for depredation hunts in random order. Applications received after June 30 will be added to the end of the list in the order received. The list will be valid from July 1 to June 30 the following year.

- Hunters may apply only once per species per year. Applying for the same species in more than one region will result in disqualification from all regions. Hunters may apply for different species in regions.

### What Are My Chances of Drawing A Depredation Hunt Tag?

Most regions issue only a handful of depredation tags each year. If a controlled antlerless or doe/fawn hunt is open or about to open in the depredation area, holders of those tags will be given the first option to participate in the depredation hunt. After

antlerless or doe/fawn controlled hunts have ended, participants will be selected in order from the depredation hunt list.

Generally, applications received after June 30 have little chance of being selected.

## Landowner Permission Hunts

These hunts are a form of depredation hunts. They are established in areas with chronic problems where depredation hunts are an annual occurrence. **Do not apply for these hunts during the controlled hunt application period.** Instead, Landowner Permission Hunt forms (a triplicate form provided by Fish and Game) are provided to landowners prior to the season or upon verifying a depredation problem that cannot be resolved by non-lethal means. Landowners can then provide the permission form to sportsmen. Landowners and sportsmen must fill out and sign their respective portions of the forms. Sportsmen must provide one copy of the form to the landowner and bring the remaining two copies to an IDFG office where they can purchase their controlled hunt tag after July 15.

## Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Elk and Pronghorn Permit

A pass is required from the Idaho Fish and Game office, 4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, to hunt elk in the Lemhi, Beaverhead or Snake River Elk Zones or pronghorn in Units 51, 58, or 63 within one-half mile inside the north and east boundary of the Idaho National Laboratory, which is adjacent to agricultural land. Hunting of all other species on INL land is prohibited.

## Landowner Appreciation Program Tags

Idaho Code authorizes the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to establish a limited number of controlled hunt tags for landowners that provide important wildlife habitat values for deer, elk, or pronghorn. Landowner Appreciation Program (LAP) tags are made available, through a separate drawing process, in areas where hunting opportunity is limited to controlled hunts as partial recognition for landowners supporting wildlife and maintaining the hunting heritage. Landowners with at least 320 acres that provide significant habitat values for deer, elk or pronghorn are eligible to apply for any leftover tags after the first drawing. LAP tags are in addition to tags available in regular controlled hunts. In most cases, LAP tags are set at an additional 10 percent of the regular controlled hunt level. In a few areas, such as Units 40, 41, 42, 45, and 52, the Commission has authorized LAP tag levels at an additional 25 percent of regular controlled hunt levels for some species. Landowners registered in the program apply through a separate drawing held after July 15 and may or may not successfully draw depending on the number of landowners applying and the number of tags available. If successful, a landowner may designate his or her tag to another individual.

## Idaho state law prohibits selling or marketing landowner appreciation tags.

For additional information concerning LAP, including land registration, application process, and landowner eligibility rules, visit <http://www.idfg.idaho.gov>.



## 2015 or 2016 Depredation Hunt Application

All applications received May 1 to June 30 will be drawn for depredation hunts in random order. Applications received after June 30 will be added to the end of the list in the order received. The list will be valid from July 1 to June 30 the following year.

1st Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting license No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Hunter \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting license No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

We are applying for (check one) ☐ Deer ☐ Elk ☐ Black Bear ☐ Pronghorn ☐ Turkey

**REMEMBER:** Send only 1 application per species. Hunters may apply only once per species per year. Applying for the same species in more than one region will result in disqualification from all regions. Hunters may apply for different species in regions. Please contact a regional office for questions, see page 4.

### Game Management Units

### Send To:

1-7, 9 ..... 2885 W. Kathleen Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

8, 8A, 10-19, 20 ..... 3316 - 16th St., Lewiston, ID 83501

19A, 20A, 22-26, 31-35, 38-42 ..... 3101 South Powerline Rd., Nampa, ID 83686

43-49, 52-57 ..... 324 South 417 East, Suite #1, Jerome, ID 83338

66A, 68, 68A, 70-78 ..... 1345 Barton Rd., Pocatello, ID 83204

50, 51, 58-66, 67, 69 ..... 4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

21, 21A, 27-30A, 36-37A ..... 99 Hwy 93 North, Salmon, ID 83467

**Clip and mail to appropriate Regional Office, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Attn.: Depredation Hunts.**

## Other Tag Information

### Exchanging Deer or Elk Tags:

Hunters may exchange general season elk tags for use in another zone at any Fish and Game office. Deer hunters may exchange a regular season deer tag for a white-tailed deer tag or a white-tailed deer tag for a regular season deer tag at any Fish and Game office. The exchange must be completed before the first hunt opening date of the tag you currently possess. For elk general seasons with a tag quota, exchange must be made before the quota has been met. A fee of \$3.75 will be charged.

### Junior Resident General Elk Tag

Junior resident elk hunters who purchase a general season elk zone tag while they are between ages 10 and 17, inclusive, may participate in any A or B tag elk season within the specified zone, regardless of whether they purchased an A tag or B tag. All other season, weapon restrictions, and commission rules apply. Controlled hunts are excluded.

### Nonresident Deer, Elk Tag for Black Bear, Mountain Lion or Gray Wolf

Nonresident deer and elk tags, **excluding** Nonresident Junior Mentored/DAV deer or elk tags, are valid to take a black bear, mountain lion or gray wolf, if a general season is open for that species, instead of a deer or elk where and when the deer or elk tag is valid, and there is an open deer or elk season in that same unit. Hunters may buy other bear, lion or wolf tags, but after the deer or elk tag is used to harvest a deer, elk, black bear, mountain lion, or gray wolf, a second deer or elk tag may not be purchased – except by buying a leftover nonresident general season deer or elk tag when available.

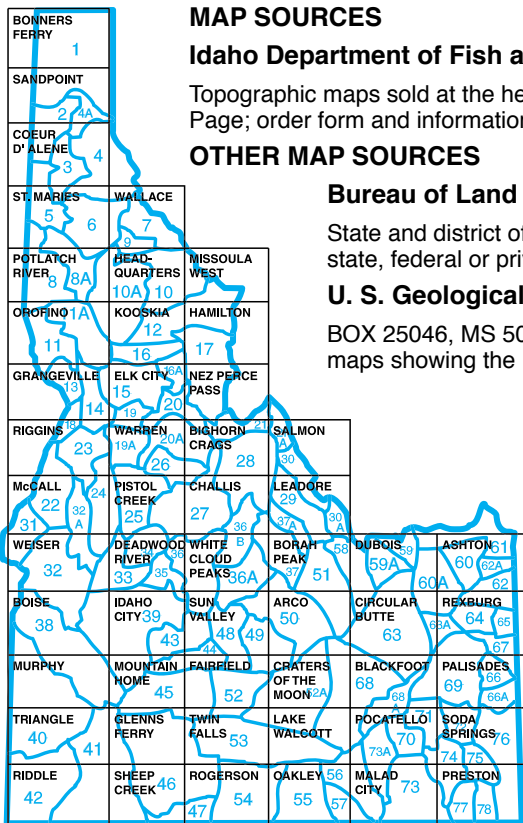
### Resident Purchase of Nonresident Deer or Elk Tag

Residents and nonresidents may buy one unsold general season nonresident deer tag and/or elk tag at the nonresident price starting August 1, to be used as a second tag. This second nonresident general season deer or elk tag may also be used to tag a black bear, mountain lion or gray wolf instead of a deer or elk.

**Hunters who have already purchased a bear or lion tag at the regular price will not get a refund to purchase a reduced tag.**

**Nonresident Tag Quotas:** There is a quota on nonresident deer and elk tags. Quotas may be exceeded under the following conditions:

- Persons who have moved into Idaho and are establishing residency who can, by affidavit, show proof of their intent to become bona fide residents, but are not yet fully qualified to buy a resident license, may purchase a nonresident deer tag and nonresident elk tag through the headquarters or regional offices.
- Fish and Game may, upon receipt of an unused nonresident deer or elk tag and a notarized affidavit stating that the tag buyer has not hunted, issue an additional tag to provide a hunting opportunity within the nonresident hunter quota before the opening of the season for which the tag is valid as follows:
  - To another nonresident designated by the buyer.
  - If the buyer does not make a choice and has retained an outfitter or guide, the outfitter or guide may make the designation.
  - If no designation is made by the above, Idaho Fish and Game may sell the replacement tag on a first-come, first-served basis. The designated buyer will pay the regular fee for the replacement tag.



## MAP SOURCES

### Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Topographic maps sold at the headquarters office in Boise and some regional offices. See map grid, this Page; order form and information below.

### OTHER MAP SOURCES

#### Bureau of Land Management

State and district offices. These maps cover all land statewide and show land ownership as state, federal or private. Idaho BLM map orders call: 208-373-4007.

#### U. S. Geological Survey

BOX 25046, MS 504, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225. Topographical quadrangle maps showing the relief of terrain. USGS map orders call: 303-202-4700

#### U.S. Forest Service

All forest supervisor and ranger district offices. Travel plan maps of each forest include all drainages, roads and road closures. Idaho National Forest map orders call: 208-373-4007.

### HOW TO ORDER MAPS FOR YOUR HUNT UNIT (SAMPLE FOR UNIT 23)

| Qty.         | Maps (list maps by name) | Price each | Amount         |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1            | Riggins                  | 8.50       | \$ 8.50        |
| 1            | Warren                   | 8.50       | \$ 8.50        |
| 1            | McCall                   | 8.50       | \$ 8.50        |
|              | Map Postage              |            | \$ 2.50        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                          |            | <b>\$28.00</b> |

## Map Orders

Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707  
(208) 334-3700

All orders must be prepaid. Allow 4 weeks for processing.

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

| Map Name (All items include Idaho sales tax)                | Unit Price  | Qty.                     | Amount |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------|
| Idaho Atlas and Gazetteer                                   | \$19.95     |                          |        |
| Maps (List map names)                                       | Each \$8.50 |                          |        |
| Idaho Wild 100 Game Cookbook                                | \$10.00     |                          |        |
| Idaho Road and Recreational Atlas                           | \$22.95     |                          |        |
|                                                             |             |                          |        |
|                                                             |             |                          |        |
| Mail Separately! Do not include with any license/tag order. |             | Postage per order \$2.50 |        |
| Credit Card, check or money order, OK                       |             | Total                    |        |

**TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**, The \$8.50 price for each 1:100,000 sheet includes Idaho sales tax. To have full coverage of most hunt units, more than one map may be required.

The **IDAHO ATLAS AND GAZETTEER**, a copyright product of DeLorme Maps, has 1:250,000 topographical maps of the state, lists of campground, access areas, boat docks, parks and other facilities. It is sold at the manufacturer's suggested price plus Idaho sales tax, for a total of \$19.95. Using the Atlas along with the more detailed single-sheet maps for the area of specific interest gives the visiting hunter or angler an excellent reference for the entire state, as well as fine detail in the immediate area of your planned camp or other location.